



Budapest Water Summit Civil Forum

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Budapest Water Summit

The Budapest Water Summit (BWS) will be a milestone event in the process launched at the “Rio+20” conference with the aim of defining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the international community to replace the Millennium Development Goals upon the latter’s expiration in 2015. The BWS will contribute to the evolution and definition of goals related to access to safe water and sanitation.

In the spirit of the “Rio process” and Rio+20 outcome documents, the contributions of the BWS will be developed in an inclusive process and with the participation of major stakeholder groups, such as government, business, academia and civil society. The governmental agenda of the Budapest Water Summit will be accompanied by and intertwined with a Civil Forum comprising five stakeholder meetings running in parallel: e.g. business, civil society, science, a youth forum, and a philanthropy roundtable.

The Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) are working jointly to organise the Civil Forum of the BWS.

For more information on all the topics covered at the forum please visit:

<http://budapestwatersummit.hu/>.

Concept and Objectives of the Civil Forum

The Civil Forum will be representative in professional, topical, and geopolitical terms. Every effort will be made to ensure wide participation, thus providing a chance to gather reflections on all five session themes from environmental, social and economic viewpoints, and from different parts of the globe.

The Civil Forum will have civil ownership. Experienced and respected civil organisations will be invited to act as facilitators, moderators and rapporteurs at each of the five sessions.

Civil Forum participants from developing countries will be sponsored within available means through an award scheme accessible via the Budapest Water Summit website.

The Civil Forum programme will run parallel to the plenary and other fora so that stakeholder groups have an opportunity for sharing and discussion.

The Civil Forum will offer written contributions for BWS session themes. Timely delivery of these contributions will allow for their consideration in the final document, as well as a summary intervention during the closing plenary.

Programme Structure

Over consecutive sessions, the BWS will address the five following topics:

1. **Universal access to water and sanitation:** Critical issues of access to water and sanitation, urban water infrastructure planning, wastewater management, development and maintenance

from technological, financial, public health and human rights aspects, with a view to providing sustained access.

2. **Integrated water resources management for the 21st century:** Challenges related to adaptation and resilience in the face of a growing population and changing climate, namely: complex solutions for pollution prevention, soil and groundwater protection, food security, disaster risk management (including floods, droughts and manmade disasters), water storage and recycling, and the water/energy nexus.
3. **Good water governance:** International cooperation, transboundary river basin and aquifer management; integrated institutional strategy in planning and implementation; stakeholder participation in the preparation of water policies; capacity development, education, research, data, monitoring and assessment.
4. **Green economy for blue water:** Traditional and innovative water technologies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; practical, affordable, local solutions in various regions of the world.
5. **Financing and implementation of water and sanitation-related SDGs:** Availability and best use of national and international financial resources and institutions; best practices and lessons learned, with special emphasis on the role of private philanthropy in solving the global water and sanitation crisis.

Each of these themes will follow the below structure:

- three introductory interventions (environmental, social and economic challenges);
- Q&A comments from the floor;
- moderated group discussions on draft recommendations; and
- reporting back and formulation of stakeholder group input.

For more information on the civil forum, visit:

<http://budapestwatersummit.hu/civil-society-forum>



Budapest Water Summit Civil Forum

Programme

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Day 1
October 9th 2013

Session 1: Striving for Universal Access to Water and Sanitation	
Chair:	
Rapporteur:	
Moderator:	
8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Hungarian Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, Dr. Illés Zoltán, and Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) Executive Director Ms. Márta Szigeti Bonifert Introduction to the structure of forum discussion
9:30-9:50	Keynote Speaker: Environmental perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
9:50-9:55	Q&A Session (5mins)
9:55--10:15	Keynote Speaker: Economic perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
10:15-10:20	Q&A Session (5mins)
COFFEE BREAK (40mins)	
11:00-12:30	Moderated discussion in a bid to reach a consensus, formulation of stakeholder group input on the recommendations for adoption, (1hour). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invited contribution from the Swedish Embassy (½ hour)
LUNCH BREAK (1 hour ½)	
Session 2: Integrated Water Resources Management for 21st century	
Chair:	
Rapporteur:	
Moderator:	
14:00-14:05	Welcome by chair and brief intro of session
14:05-14:25	Keynote Speaker: Social perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
14:25-14:30	Q&A Session (5mins)
14:30-14:50	Keynote Speaker: Environmental perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
14:50-14:55	Q&A Session (5mins)
14:55-15:15	Keynote Speaker: Economic perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
15:15-15:20	Q&A Session (5mins)
COFFEE BREAK (40mins)	
16:00-17:30	Moderated discussion in a bid to reach a consensus, formulation of stakeholder group input on the recommendations for adoption, (1hour). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invited contribution from the Dutch Embassy (½ hour)
BREAK (1/2 hour)	
<i>Refer to main summit schedule for the day's organized activities</i>	

Day 2
October 10th 2013

Session 3: Good Water Governance: Sustainable Development	
Chair:	
Rapporteur:	
Moderator:	
8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-9:05	Welcome by chair and brief intro of session
9:05-9:25	Keynote Speaker: Social perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
9:25-9:30	Q&A Session (5mins)
9:30-9:50	Keynote Speaker: Environmental perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
9:50-9:55	Q&A Session (5mins)
9:55--10:15	Keynote Speaker: Economic perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
10:15-10:20	Q&A Session (5mins)
COFFEE BREAK (40mins)	
11:00-12:30	Moderated discussion in a bid to reach a consensus, formulation of stakeholder group input on the recommendations for adoption, (1hour). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited contribution from the Italian Embassy (½ hour)
LUNCH BREAK (1 hour ½)	
Session 4: Green Solution for Good Quality Waters	
Chair:	
Rapporteur:	
Moderator:	
14:00-14:05	Welcome by chair and brief intro of session
14:05-14:25	Keynote Speaker: Social perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
14:25-14:30	Q&A Session (5mins)
14:30-14:50	Keynote Speaker: Environmental perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
14:50-14:55	Q&A Session (5mins)
14:55-15:15	Keynote Speaker: Economic perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
15:15-15:20	Q&A Session (5mins)
COFFEE BREAK (40mins)	
16:00-17:30	Moderated discussion in a bid to reach a consensus, formulation of stakeholder group input on the recommendations for adoption, (1hour). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited contribution from the Finnish Embassy (½ hour)
BREAK (1/2 hour)	
<i>Refer to main summit schedule for the day's organized activities</i>	

Day 3October 11th 2013

Session 5: Financing Water and Sanitation SDGs	
Chair:	
Rapporteur:	
Moderator:	
8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-9:05	Welcome by chair and brief intro of session
9:05-9:25	Keynote Speaker: Social perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
9:25-9:30	Q&A Session (5mins)
9:30-9:50	Keynote Speaker: Environmental perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
9:50-9:55	Q&A Session (5mins)
9:55--10:15	Keynote Speaker: Economic perspective (with reaction to Ministry's position paper) (20mins)
10:15-10:20	Q&A Session (5mins)
COFFEE BREAK (40mins)	
11:00-12:30	Moderated discussion in a bid to reach a consensus, formulation of stakeholder group input on the recommendations for adoption, (1hour). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invited contribution from the EU Delegation (½ hour)
LUNCH BREAK (1 hour ½)	
AFTERNOON CLOSED SESSION*	
Joint plenary session: reporting the outcomes of the five Summit sessions and the stakeholder Forums and Meetings, synthesis, conclusions and recommendations for the water SDGs Rapporteurs of the 5 Summit sessions report back to the Plenary. Chairs of the 5 Stakeholder Forums report to the Plenary. Adoption of the Budapest Recommendation on Water and Sanitation done by consensus	
Evening closing ceremony	
<u>Speakers</u>	
H.R.H. Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan [to be confirmed] Ms. Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO [confirmed] H.E. Dr. Han Seung-soo, former Prime Minister of South Korea and former President of the General Assembly of the United Nations [to be confirmed] H. E. Mr. János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary, Chairman of the Summit [confirmed]	

* Session by invitation only



Application Guidelines

Registration is free and open to all interested civil organisations whose work is centred on the issue of water and sanitation.

To apply, visit: www.rec.org/civilforumwatersummit

For all other questions about the Civil Forum, send an email to: bwscivilforum@rec.org

Financial Support to Attend the Forum

There are a limited number of partial sponsorships available to Civil Forum participants. **Priority will be given to** participants from economies in transition and developing countries to facilitate their participation and contribution. Sponsorship will cover:

- a return air-ticket from country of origin;
- accommodation for three nights; and
- metro passes for Budapest area public transportation.

Sponsorship recipients are, however, responsible for all other incidental costs (food, telephone, etc.).

Sponsorships will be awarded to individuals working with water-related civil organisations in financial need who can make an important and meaningful contribution by attending the conference. That contribution may be to the Civil Forum community or your home community.

Sponsorships will be awarded based on an evaluation of written work. All Civil Forum sponsorship applicants must submit a paper to bwscivilforum@rec.org by **July 25, 2013** to be considered. (*Please see the Writing Contribution Guidelines below.*)

Writing Contribution Guidelines

Keynote speakers and those who would like to apply for a sponsorship are required to submit a written contribution. Contributions must not exceed 1,000 words, and must either:

- Reflect on the process required to arrive at viable water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) post-2014.

OR

- Outline concise water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be implemented post-2014. The goals identified must be clearly justified.

Either type of written contribution must examine various interactions from environmental, social and economic points of view.

Please note that if you would like to apply for financial support, you must also provide us with a short paragraph (200 words maximum) describing why you need the support and what you think is special about the contribution you will make to the conference and/or take home from the conference to your community.

ALL participants are encouraged to contribute and share their views on the five topic areas through the REC's dedicated Water Summit website at: www.bwscivil.rec.org

We look forward to your meaningful contribution!

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